

January 20, 2009 Update

Update for the Newborn Screening Rulemaking Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 13, Article 2

The current rules implementing Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 36-694 for newborn screening are located in Title 9, Chapter 13, Article 2, of the Arizona Administrative Code. A.R.S. § 36-694 was amended by Laws 2008, Chapter 225, to designate the Arizona State Laboratory as the only testing facility for the Newborn Screening Program.

This rulemaking will revise the Newborn Screening rules by:

- Removing references to a contracted screening laboratory from the rules in 9 A.A.C. 13, Article 2;
- Removing the phase-in of testing, which has already been accomplished;
- Amending and adding definitions;
- Amending testing requirements, information that is required to be submitted to the Department or screening laboratory, and criteria for determining when a bloodspot test will be performed on a blood sample submitted to the screening laboratory; and
- Making technical and grammatical changes to clarify the rules.

To keep interested persons informed about the rulemaking, the Department has established a Web Page for the rulemaking. Draft rules are posted on the Department's website for informal public comment.

Stakeholders can communicate their issues and concerns to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at smejkar@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-1230, or by fax at 602-364-1150.